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**Subject:** *Consultation on the Technical and policy Framework for the 3650-4200 MHz Band and Changes to the Frequency Allocation of the 3500-3650 MHz Band (SLPB-002-20), August 2020*

Dear Mr. Scott,

We are submitting this letter in response to the *Consultation on the Technical and Policy Framework for the 3650-4200 MHz Band and Changes to the Frequency Allocation of the 3500-3650 MHz Band (SLPB-002-20)*, in support of Telesat's C-band reallocation proposal. We have been briefed by Telesat on ISED's Consultation regarding the reallocation of certain C-band spectrum to 5G and hereby support Telesat's proposal, which aims to protect the existing users of the band, as well as cover the costs associated with the transition.

Galaxy Broadband Communications is an Ontario-based company with offices in Mississauga and Edmonton, Alberta and sales offices in British Columbia and Nova Scotia. We offer multiple satellite networks that provide critical Internet Access to remote sites in every Province and Territory in Canada, including C-band. C-band is an important aspect of our services because it delivers exceptional availability and is the preferred choice for large mining and other commercial operations as a primary link and a back-up link to their terrestrial service. Any interruption or cessation of service will be costly and detrimental to critical operations.

We have been working with Telesat for the past 10 years and are confident that Telesat is committed to providing continuity of service during and after the transition and we also recognize that they cannot do this at their cost. Galaxy views Telesat as a leader and an integral part of the Canadian satellite communications ecosystem and we strongly support their next generation LEO plan. Further, we applaud the Government of Canada support for Telesat's LEO project and believe the thousands of Canadians and commercial operations that rely on satellite communications will benefit the most.

In the absence of Telesat's plan being implemented, we have strong concerns over the loss of service and/or the financial and technical burden imposed on us.

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We are pleased to submit this letter for your consideration in order to underline the criticality of C-band service on our operations and reiterate our strong support of Telesat's proposal and the promise of Telesat LEO to deliver high-speed, low latency broadband connectivity that will connect our customers in the future.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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